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Attorney Docket No. 56130.000044

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of : )  
Christian C. Ellens, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/749,940 ) Group Art Unit: 2163  
Filed: December 29, 2000 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING A COMPONENT-BASED SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**  
**OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed February 9, 2001, Applicants are submitting herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of December 29, 2000 be granted to this application.

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A check in the amount of \$170.00 is enclosed for the fee for filing the Late Declaration, and Assignment recordation. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the PTO charges, please charge or credit any difference to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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